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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary**

WCB Docket No. 05-

Madison River Communications, LLC ("Madison River"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Application to discontinue services pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, in selected areas defined herein. Specifically, Madison River seeks to discontinue the provision of certain local, domestic and international long distance,¹ and toll free services to retail customers throughout the states of Louisiana and Mississippi on February 28, 2006.² In support of this Application, Madison River submits the following information:

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VP Revenues
Madison River Communications, LLC
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PO Box 430
Mebane, NC 27302
Phone: (919) 563-8230

² Madison River will also discontinue the provision of internet services to these customers, and has so advised customers of this decision as well.

Date of planned service discontinuance:

The anticipated date for the discontinuance of service in the markets described below in paragraph 3 is February 28, 2006, or as soon thereafter as the necessary state and federal regulatory authorizations have been obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

By this Application, Madison River seeks authority to discontinue the provision of certain commercial retail services provided to customers in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Brief description of the type of service affected

Madison River proposes to discontinue the provision of local, domestic and international long distance, and toll free services to commercial retail customers in the states listed in paragraph 3, above. Madison River's wholesale customers who receive point to point fiber services in Louisiana remain unaffected by this application.

Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Written notice of the Discontinuance, substantially in the form of the sample letters attached as Exhibit A, was mailed to all affected customers on December 2, 2005. The customer notice letters were prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules.

6. Non-dominance of the carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

Madison River is non-dominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

7. Service

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, Madison River has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and the public utility commission of each of the states listed above in paragraph 3, and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense.

Additional questions regarding this application may be addressed to:

Sylvia Lesse
Kraskin, Moorman & Cosson, LLC
2120 L Street, NW, Suite 520
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 296-9052

II. Circumstances of Discontinuance

Madison River's operations in Louisiana and Mississippi have been irreparably harmed by Hurricane Katrina. As a result, Madison River has determined to discontinue the provision of certain services in Louisiana and Mississippi, including the discontinuance of commercial retail facilities-based services that are currently provided through the use of Madison River's switch located in the state of Louisiana.

III. Conclusion

Madison River believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. Madison River will take all reasonable steps, to the extent it is able, to ensure that the discontinuance of service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. For the foregoing reasons, Madison River respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a) and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of services to customers pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully submitted,

Madison River Communications, LLC

By: _____


Sylvia Leese
Its Attorney

of Counsel
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Washington, DC 20037
(202) 296-9052

Dated: December 2, 2005

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL T. SKRIVAN

I, Michael T. Skrivan, VP Revenues of Madison River Communications, LLC, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Section 63.71 Application, and that the facts states therein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief..

Michael T Skrivan
Michael T. Skrivan

Date:

Dec 2, 2005

Exhibit A

Sample Discontinuance Notice Letters

**NOTICE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE DISCONTINUANCE
DO NOT DISREGARD THIS NOTICE**

December 2, 2005

Business Name
Contact Name
Address Line One
Address Line Two

RE: Account # 300 / Service Location: Louisiana

Dear Madison River Communications Customer:

Like many other businesses, our business has been irreparably harmed by the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. We regret to inform you that Madison River Communications, LLC plans to discontinue the services it offers in your geographic area. As a result, this letter is to notify you we will discontinue any and all **LOCAL, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE, TOLL FREE, PRIVATE LINE, INTERNET SERVICES** and any other service you receive in your current service location as of February 28, 2006.

You must select a new service provider(s) as soon as possible to avoid any interruption of service. Please do not delay in arranging for a new service provider as some carriers may require several weeks to install new services. If you do not choose a new carrier by January 15, 2006, you risk losing communication services. To help avoid service disruption, please check carefully that all service types you currently have with Madison River Communications (local, long distance, toll free, calling card, Internet and/or any other services) are moved to your new carrier. Once you have chosen your new provider, Madison River Communications will work with the carrier you have selected to assist in the transition of your service. Any deposit on your account that is held by Madison River Communications will be applied to your final bill.

We have informed the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") of this discontinuance. The FCC permits customers to object to discontinuance of their service by a telecommunications provider. As provided in the FCC's rule 47 CFR 63.71:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the Section 63.71 Application of Madison River Communications. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Madison River Communications appreciates the opportunity we have had to serve you. We are committed to making your service transition as smooth as possible. If you have any further questions regarding the discontinuance of our services, please contact us at (866) 878-6777.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Skrivan
Vice President

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December 2, 2005

Business Name
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Address Line One
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RE: Account # 300 / Service Location: Mississippi

Dear Madison River Communications Customer:

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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sylvia Lesse, of Counsel to Kraskin, Moorman & Cosson, LLC, hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Madison River Communications, LLC was served this 2nd day of December, 2005, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, US postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses appearing on the attached list.

Secretary of Defense

Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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